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PLEADING CYCLE ESTABLISHED FOR BELL SOUTH PETITION FOR PRICING FLEXIBILITY FOR SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICES

WC Docket No. 05-148

COMMENTS: April 1, 2005

REPLY COMMENTS: April 11, 2005

On March 17, 2005, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. (BellSouth) filed a petition for pricing flexibility for switched access services pursuant to sections 1.774 and 69.701 *et seq.* of the Commission's rules.¹ In its petition, BellSouth states that it meets the criteria necessary to obtain Phase I pricing flexibility relief in thirty-four (34) Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) and two (2) non-MSA areas.²

The petition is available for review through the Commission's Electronic Tariff Filing System (ETFS). Comments or oppositions may be filed no later than **April 1, 2005**. Interested parties are strongly encouraged to file comments electronically through ETFS, although they are not required to do so.³ The ETFS provides instructions for filing both public and confidential versions of comments, and, if interested parties require additional assistance, they may call the ETFS Information Line at (202) 418-7700. Parties electing to file comments through a method other than ETFS must file such comments in accordance with section 1.774(e)(2)(ii) of the Commission's rules.⁴ In addition, BellSouth may file a reply no later than **April 11, 2005**, 10 days after the deadline for comments or oppositions.⁵ Any such reply must be filed through ETFS.⁶ For additional information about the filing and service of comments and replies, see sections 1.774(c)-(e) of the Commission's rules.⁷

Paper filings can be sent by hand or messenger delivery, by commercial overnight courier, or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Service mail (although we continue to experience delays in receiving U.S. Postal Service mail). The Commission's contractor, Natek, Inc., will receive hand-delivered or

¹ 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.774 and 69.701 *et seq.*

² See BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. Petition for *Phase I* Pricing Flexibility for Switched Services (filed Mar. 17, 2005).

³ See *id.* § 1.774(e)(2)(i).

⁴ *Id.* § 1.774(e)(2)(ii).

⁵ *Id.* § 1.774(d).

⁶ *Id.* § 1.774(e)(3).

⁷ *Id.* §§ 1.774(c)-(e).

messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission's Secretary at 236 Massachusetts Avenue, N.E., Suite 110, Washington, D.C. 20002.

- The filing hours at this location are 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- All hand deliveries must be held together with rubber bands or fasteners.
- Any envelopes must be disposed of before entering the building.
- Commercial overnight mail (other than U.S. Postal Service Express Mail and Priority Mail) must be sent to 9300 East Hampton Drive, Capitol Heights, MD 20743.
- U.S. Postal Service first-class mail, Express Mail, and Priority Mail should be addressed to 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, D.C. 20554.
- All filings must be addressed to the Commission's Secretary, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission.

As specified in section 1.774(e)(2)(ii), if parties file an opposition or comments other than through ETFS, they should also file one copy with the Commission's copy contractor, Best Copy and Printing, Inc., Portals II, 445 12th Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20554, telephone (202) 488-5300, facsimile (202) 488-5563, e-mail fcc@bcpiweb.com, or via its website at <http://www.bcpiweb.com>. Documents filed in this proceeding will be available for public inspection during regular business hours in the Commission's Reference Information Center, 445 12th Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20554, and will be placed on the Commission's Internet site.

Accessible formats (computer diskettes, large print, audio recording and Braille) are available to persons with disabilities by contacting the Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau, at (202) 418-0531, TTY (202) 418-7365, or at [<fcc504@fcc.gov>](mailto:fcc504@fcc.gov).

This matter shall be treated as a "permit-but-disclose" proceeding in accordance with the Commission's *ex parte* rules.⁸ Persons making oral *ex parte* presentations are reminded that memoranda summarizing the presentations must contain summaries of the substance of the presentations and not merely a listing of the subjects discussed. More than a one- or two-sentence description of the views and arguments presented generally is required.⁹ Other rules pertaining to oral and written *ex parte* presentations in permit-but-disclose proceedings are set forth in section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules.¹⁰

For further information, contact Victoria Goldberg, Pricing Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, (202) 418-7353.

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⁸ See *id.* §§ 1.1200, 1.1206.

⁹ See *id.* § 1.1206(b).

¹⁰ *Id.* § 1.1206(b).